

**Health & Family Committee
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2003 - 1:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Gary Besaw called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. Those present: Duane Waukau, Mary Husby, Jerry Waukau and Shannon Wilber. Richard Loudbear was absent. John Wilhelmi and Norbert Sturdevant were also present for the meeting.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Approval of Minutes Dated January 21, 2003-**

Motion made by Shannon Wilber to approve the minutes dated January 21, 2003.

Motion was seconded by Jerry Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Committee Chairman Gary Besaw informed the committee that he would like the committee to suspend the agenda and move to the Health Administrator's Report because committee member Shannon Wilber had to leave by 1:30 to go to interviews.

Motion made by Duane Waukau to suspend the agenda and go to number seven agenda and to accept the report as submitted from Shannon Wilber. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

7. **Health Administrator's Report/Jerry Waukau-**

Tab #1 - Medical Staff Credentialing & Privileging Appointments-

Jerry Waukau stated that in accordance with the Joint Commission Standards, and the governance functions of the clinic, the Committee needs to review and approve Medical credentials and privileges.

Jerry Waukau went over the information with the committee members.

Motion made by Mary Husby to approve the privileging & credentialing of for the following Menominee Tribal Clinic employees; 1 year initial appointment to active medical staff for Amy Slagle, M.D. 2 year Re-Appointments to active medical staff for Steve Eisfelder, MA, Elizabeth Radke-Petri, RN, N.P., and Ronald Freeman D.M.D. 2-year Re-Appointments to courtesy medical staff for Gonzalo Hernandez D.D.S., Roger Wilson O.D., and Sandra Wallin, Audiologist. Motion was seconded by Shannon Wilber. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for (including Chair's vote), 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Tab #2 - Rude and Abusive Policy Amendment-

Jerry Waukau explained that the clinic had to change the policy due to the fact that one of the physicians was threatened in Shawano because they would not give the patient a narcotic pain killer. The physician was afraid of the individual. Jerry stated that if this kind of situation happens again, the guilty person will get their clinic privileges taken away and they will be referred to a different clinic at their own expense.

Committee members agreed that patients cannot go around threatening people and that there has to be consequences to the behavior but Mary Husby would like some of the wording changed.

John Wilhelmi will make the changes and committee will approve it at the next meeting.

Shannon Wilber was excused at 1:30 p.m.

Tab #3 - Policy & Procedure Manual Updates-

Jerry Waukau stated that in accordance with JCAHO standards the committee needs to approve

the updated manuals.

Committee reviewed the manuals and Jerry went over the changes with the committee.

Motion made by Mary Husby to approve the Policy & Procedure Manual Updates for the Medical Staff Bylaws, Dental and Women's Personal Health. Motion was seconded by Duane Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Tab #4 - Request to Increase 2003 Third Party Budget-

The Clinic is requesting authorization to spend 2003 third party reserve funds for Contract Health Service Deferred Care medical cases. The Legislature previously authorized the clinic to spend \$250,000 on October 3, 200. On October 7, 2002 the clinic was requested to transfer \$345,000 to the tribal reserve for redistribution of funds to other health related expenses.

Motion made by Mary Husby to authorize a transfer of \$250,000 (ledger 159) from the Third Party reserve to the 2003 Third Party budget (ledger 156) to cover deferred care contract health cases. This motion also authorizes an increase of the 2003 Third party budget from \$5,433,049 to \$5,683,049 (a \$250,000 increase). Motion was seconded by Duane Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-abstention (Jerry Waukau). Motion carried.

Motion made by Duane Waukau to go back to agenda item four. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Food Distribution Discussion/Pat Roberts-

Committee went into a brief discussion regarding the Food Distribution Program and changing the eligibility to include descendants that live in surrounding counties. Director of Food Distribution Pat Roberts informed the committee that adding the descendants should not affect her program and will not take food away from the enrolled Menominee's. According to Pat, the government sends the amount of food that is needed for the number of clients. If there are more clients then Pat just orders more food.

Committee would like John Wilhelmi to develop a resolution stating the tribes support in acknowledging the tribes acceptance of descendants for the food program and John will have it done by next meeting.

5. Oral Reports from GAP, Social Services, Family Preservation and Food Distribution-

Committee heard brief reports from GAP, Social Services and Food Distribution and Family Preservation gave a written report to the committee. No action was taken on the discussion.

Chairman Besaw stated that the last committee motion that went to the legislature regarding GAP and allowing them to take on new clients was tabled. The legislature wanted to basically know how much money tribal money will be needed to pay for the new clients and their insurance.

Wayne Pecore was present and stated that he has enough money in his budget to take on the new clients. Insurance shouldn't be an issue. If Wayne isn't allowed to put the clients in his program, they go to the clinic without insurance and Jerry Waukau's program ends up paying for it anyway.

Committee didn't make a motion regarding GAP due to the fact that at the Legislature meeting the previous motion was tabled and will be taken up again at the next Legislature meeting where they want all the information from Wayne Pecore. Chairperson Besaw stated that he will try to explain everything but will work with Wayne Pecore.

6. Review Monthly Written Reports/Community Meeting Minutes-

Because of the date of the meeting, most departments did not get their reports to Legislative Staff right away. No discussion, no action taken on the item.

8. **Other Business-**

Norbert Sturdevant was present to discuss with the committee his concerns about the homeless problem the tribe has and the urgency to have a homeless shelter that doesn't have strict AODA restrictions or background checks. Norbert was present at last months meeting and he expressed his anger that Chairman Besaw was assigned by the Legislature to help him with the project and that Chairman Besaw didn't even show up for the meeting and how Norbert feels like he is getting the runaround from Besaw and the Legislature.

Chairman Besaw wanted to state for the record that he was not assigned to help with the homeless shelter and that he asked the Legislature if he could be in charge of helping with the project. As for not showing up for the meeting last month, Chairman Besaw stated that he was told by the Tribal Chair that he HAD to go to a meeting out of town at the last minute, and not because he is trying to give Norbert the runaround.

Committee members gave Norbert some ideas. Chairman Besaw stated that he would help in anyway he could.

9. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Jerry Waukau to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mary Husby. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services